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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and

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WHEREAS, Tri-County Electric Cooperative was officially formed on October 6, 1938 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, through the hard work and dedication of a handful of local residents wanting to improve living and farming conditions for themselves and their neighbors; and

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WHEREAS, Because of the lack of density, it simply wasn't possible for the for-profit utilities to make a profit serving rural areas with only a few farms or homes per mile of electric line; with the help of loans from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), the people living in these rural areas banded together to form member-owned and member-governed electric cooperatives; and

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WHEREAS, This group of local residents went door to door signing up their neighbors to become members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative and convincing them that a cooperative would bring lights and power to the rural area; and

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1 WHEREAS, Their hard work paid off and Tri-County Electric
2 Cooperative's lines were first energized on July 29, 1939,
3 initially serving 1,124 member-owners in Jefferson, Marion,
4 and Washington counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Tri-County Electric Cooperative continues to
6 provides reliable electric service to member-owners in
7 Franklin, Jefferson, Marion, Perry, and Washington counties;
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9 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the cooperative has served its
10 member-owners based on 7 guiding principles: voluntary and open
11 membership, member-elected and controlled boards of directors,
12 members' economic participation, autonomy and independence,
13 education and training, cooperation among cooperatives, and
14 concern for community; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate the members of the Tri-County Electric
18 Cooperative on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative; and
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Tri-County Electric Cooperative as a symbol of our
22 esteem and respect.